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CASE NUMBER: 77-707639

INCIDENT: "Cold Case" Homicide Arrest

DATE: September 10, 1977

LOCATION: War Memorial Park, Santa Clara

VICTIM: Mary Ann Quigley, (pictured) Age 17

SUSPECT: Richard Armand Archibeque, Age 47



DETAILS:

On September 10, 1977, Mary Ann Quigley was sexually assaulted and murdered at War Memorial Park (Monroe Street at Rip Miller Way) in Santa Clara. Despite an exhaustive investigation, the suspect was never identified. In 2005, Detective Sergeant Wahid Kazem resubmitted evidence from the Quigley homicide investigation to the Santa Clara County Crime Laboratory for additional DNA analysis.

On December 27, 2006, the Crime Lab informed Sergeant Kazem that a DNA database search identified a Santa Clara resident Richard Armand Archibeque, age 47 (DOB 01/26/59), as the suspect. Later that day, Archibeque was arrested by detectives for the murder of Mary Ann Quigley. Archibeque had recently been required to submit a DNA sample to the known offender database due to an unrelated court action.

Richard Archibeque was booked into the Santa Clara County Jail and will be arraigned in Santa Clara County Superior Court on December 29, 2006 at 1:30 P.M.

Investigator Mike Schembri from the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office Cold Case Unit worked extensively with Sergeant Kazem and other detectives on this investigation. After 29 years, advanced technology and the collaborative efforts of the District Attorney's Office, County Crime Lab and the Santa Clara Police Department has finally brought resolution to this case. Detectives, however, are still seeking the public's assistance with this investigation. Anyone with information about Archibeque or Ms. Quigley is asked to contact the Santa Clara Police Department's homicide hotline at 408-615-4826. For further information visit our website at www.scpd.org

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